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REMARKS

Claims 24-25, 29 and 31 have been cancelled. Claims 30 and 32 have been amended. Claims 1-23, 26-28, 30 and 32 are now pending in this application. Support for the amendments is found in the existing claims and the specification as discussed below. Accordingly, the amendments do not constitute the addition of new matter. Applicant respectfully requests the entry of the amendments and reconsideration of the application in view of the amendments and the following remarks.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph – written description

Claims 30 and 32 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph as containing subject matter that was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor(s) had possession of the claimed invention at the time that the application was filed.

With this amendment, “pancreatic cancer” is deleted from claims 30 and 32. Accordingly, this ground of rejection may be withdrawn.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph

Claim 25 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

This ground of rejection is moot in view of Applicants’ cancellation of claim 25.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b)

Claim 24 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 (b) as being anticipated by Desheesh, et al. (Alexandria Science Exchange, 2000).

This ground of rejection is moot in view of Applicants’ cancellation of claim 24.

CONCLUSION

In view of Applicants’ amendments to the claims and the foregoing Remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner have any remaining concerns which might prevent the prompt allowance of the application, the Examiner is respectfully invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number appearing below.

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